

Docket No.: 04-02 US

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Please replace paragraph on page 1, lines 5-9, which begins with "The present invention relates," with the following amended paragraph:

The present invention relates generally to in vitro testing of medical components, including implantable, ingestible or adherable medical components, such as ~~dissolution testing~~ of dosage forms, stents, and other carriers of materials having immediate and/or controlled release characteristics, and testing of implantable medical devices such as stents, prostheses, sensors, catheters, electrical leads, and the like. More particularly, the present invention relates to apparatus and methods for providing actuated movement of such medical components ~~carriers of materials~~ during testing, the prevention of evaporation loss during movement, and components adapted for such apparatus and methods.

After the last paragraph on page 4, lines 28-32, which begins with "In some embodiments or method in which a container is provided, please add the following new paragraph:

According to any of the foregoing embodiments or methods, the sample carrier may contain a material releasable in a medium. The sample carrier may include an implantable, adherable or ingestible medical component. For example, the sample carrier may include a dosage delivery component such as a dosage form, a stent or other dosage delivery component for purposes of testing, ingestion, transdermal transfer, or implantation. The sample carrier may also be a component that supports (e.g., holds, contains, affixes, etc.) a dosage delivery component. The sample carrier may also be a medical device such as may be implanted or inserted in, or applied to, a living being, or a component that supports (e.g., holds, contains, affixes, etc.) a medical device of this type.